

State of Illinois Trade Mission to Chile

Santiago, Chile November 6-10, 2005

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) - **Office of Trade and Investment** invites you to join the **Illinois Food Processing and Packaging Machinery Trade Mission to Chile.**

WHY EXPORT TO CHILE?

As one of the fastest growing markets in Latin America, Chile is a particularly promising market for food processing and packaging machinery and equipment, with **Chilean processed food exports surpassing a record \$1 billion in 2004, a figure expected to double during the next six years.**

As a result, the Chilean food processing industry is increasing its level of competitiveness and value-added products, requiring the latest technology and standards in machinery, equipment and services.

This prospect, coupled with the Chile-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which took effect January 1, 2004, presents Illinois suppliers of these goods and services, as well as others in the processed food industry, with a real opportunity to enter the Chilean market.

Matchmaker Business Meetings and More

The Illinois Office of Trade and Investment and the U.S. Commercial Service in Santiago will pre-qualify decision-makers in Chile interested in meeting with you and arrange one-on-one appointments with potential agents, distributors and representatives. In addition, you will receive in-depth business briefings, networking opportunities, hospitality and logistical support.

Proposed Itinerary

- 11/6 Depart Chicago
- 11/7 Arrive in
Santiago/Market
Overview and
Welcome Dinner
- 11/8-9 Briefing/
Matchmaking
Appointments
- 11/10 Networking/
Depart Santiago
(evening)

There is no charge for the mission. Participants cover their own airfare and lodging.

To register, contact:

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**APPLICATION
DEADLINE:
Friday, September 9**

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